

covered and punished and the evils of patronage removed if not entirely. Imperial cabinet made up by his party has its main basis surviving his removal. His message to congress have been old, confused, one and digested and have had no response from all intelligent patriots, but by his messages as well as his conduct in office he is won to the respect and confidence of the people of the United States without distinction of party. The only great criticism that can be made is that he has been dilatory in making important appointments, but this criticism is for the most part overruled by the excellent actions he has had. It has been charged at home last June he has taken less interest in his official duties. This is not true, but Mr. Blaine did not without reason leave him to his own devices and with this disappointment since than which a person net less lost. He hoped that his services of reciprocity in abroad would be ratified, and that there would thus be given to the close of his administration a certain seal, but in this he was doomed to disappointment. Still he has the satisfaction of knowing that he returns from office with the unaffected esteem of the nation. He has grown in the affection of all we well good men from the first day of his accession to the presidency, and he will be more and more regarded as a philosopher and statesman as the lapse of time permits the study of his service with clearness and impartiality. And if he retires at once the practice of his politics in his birthplace will be reported to be his. In my opinion, he will add another to the many evidences he has already given of his many character.

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SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 7, 1885.

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